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IN RE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING and *

PETITION FOR VARIANCE - Sweet Air

Road and Hampshire Knob Drive

(Blockbuster Video Store)
10th Election District

6th Councilmanic District

* BEFORE THE

* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case Nos. X-318 & 95-97-A

Grahamp Limited Partnership Trustees - Owner and Blockbuster Video Store - Developer

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Hearing Officer for consideration of a development plan prepared by STV Group, Inc. for the proposed development of the subject property by its Owner, Grahamp Limited Partnership Trustees, by Paul Hampshire, General Partner, and the Contract Purchaser, Four Corners Entertainment, by T. Brien Haigley, President, with a Blockbuster Video Store, in accordance with the development plan submitted into evidence and marked as Developer's Exhibit 1. In addition to development plan approval, the Owner/Developer filed a Petition for Variance seeking relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) as follows: From Section 259.3(C)(7), Subsections (A) and (C) to permit a buildingmounted sign of 18 sg.ft. (6'3" x 3'1") in lieu of the maximum permitted 8 sq.ft, and to allow a ground-mounted sign to be illuminated; from Section Section 259.3(C)(2)(A) to permit a front yard setback of 87 feet in lieu of the required 40 feet; and from Section 259.3(C)(3)(A) to permit landscaping of the front, side and rear setback areas as depicted on the landscape plan submitted into evidence as Developer's Exhibit 2 and Petitioner's Exhibit 3 in lieu of the required entire front, side and rear setback areas. The subject property and relief requested are more particularly described on the development plan and site plan submitted into evidence as Developer's Exhibit 1 and Petitioner's Exhibits 3 and 4, respectively.

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Appearing at the public hearing on behalf of the Owner/Developer were William P. Monk, Land Planning and Zoning Consultant, Brian Haigley for Blockbuster Video Store, Mickey Cornelius, an expert Traffic Engineer with The Traffic Group, and Jonathan McGowan and Deborah Wood with STV Group, Inc. The Owner/Developer was represented by Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire. Numerous representatives of the various Baltimore County agencies who reviewed the plan and submitted development plan comments attended the hearing. In addition, several residents from the surrounding community appeared as interested parties.

At the outset of the hearing, it was made clear that this Developer has gone to great lengths to meet with surrounding community members and has taken into consideration the concerns raised by them as to the proposed development prior to the hearing held before me on October 28, 1994. The property which is the subject of this matter consists of a gross area of 5.59 acres, split zoned B.L.-C.R. and R.C.5 and is presently unimproved. The Owner/Developer seeks to improve the site with a retail/office building containing 8800 sq.ft., including a Blockbuster Video Store. It should be noted that the Developer has concentrated all improvements to the property in the southernmost corner of the site closest to the intersection of Sweet Air Road and Hampshire Knob Drive and has left the remainder of the property in its unimproved, natural state.

As to the history of this project, the concept plan conference for this development was conducted on April 18, 1994. As required, a community input meeting was held at the Carroll Manor Elementary School on June 23, 1994. Subsequently, a development plan was submitted and a conference thereon was conducted on October 12, 1994. Following the submission of that plan, development plan comments were submitted by the appro-

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priate agencies of Baltimore County and a revised development plan incorporating these comments and bearing a revision date of October 17, 1994 was submitted at the hearing held before me on October 28, 1994.

At the preliminary stage of the public hearing before me, I am required to determine what, if any, agency comments remain unresolved. On behalf of the Developer, Mr. Hoffman identified several issues which needed to be addressed. The first issue raised involved the Office of Planning and Zoning's recommendation to move the proposed retail office building closer to Sweet Air Road and relocating the parking area from in front of the Blockbuster Video Store to the rear of the store. Testimony offered revealed that the Developer is opposed to relocating parking to the rear of the store due to the unusual shape and topography of the land. Those members of the community who were in attendance testified that parking should be provided in front of and to the side of the subject store and that they preferred the locations of the building and parking as shown on Developer's Exhibit 1.

A second issue raised concerned the Department of Public Works' request for additional sidewalks. The residents in attendance stated that they would like to see sidewalks installed along Sweet Air Road; however, they believe that sidewalks along Hampshire Knob Drive are inappropriate.

The last issue raised concerned the installation of street lights along Hampshire Knob Drive also recommended by the Department by Public Works. The residents in attendance at the hearing indicated they are opposed to any further illumination of Hampshire Knob Drive since this goad leads to their residential community. The residents are opposed to additional street lighting in this area, believing that this will detract from the residential and rural character of their community.

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As these three issues remained unresolved at the hearing, it became necessary to take testimony regarding same.

As to the issued concerning the location of the Blockbuster Video Store and related parking area, Mr. Irv McDaniel of the Office of Planning and Zoning testified. Mr. McDaniel deferred to Ms. Lynn Lanham, also a representative of the Office of Planning and Zoning who testified in detail concerning the proposed location of the store and related parking. Ms. Lanham testified that it was her agency's position that the Blockbuster Video Store should be located closer to Sweet Air Road in order to maintain consistency with the other commercial businesses along this route who have closer setbacks to that roadway than the proposed store.

Testimony received from the community members in attendance was that they prefer the setback proposed by the Developer as set forth on Developer's Exhibit 1. They do not want parking to the rear of the store in that they believe said parking would infringe upon their residential neighborhood. They believe that the building itself provides a buffer for their community from vehicular traffic, headlights, and any noise that might be generated by traffic to and from the site. They are very much opposed to relocating the parking to the rear of the store in order to move the building closer to Sweet Air Road.

On behalf of the Developer, Mr. William Monk testified concerning relocating the subject building and accessory parking area closer to Sweet Air Road. Mr. Monk stated that the manner in which the proposed development has been laid out is the best possible design, considering the use proposed for this building. He testified that customers of the Blockbuster Video Stores typically wish to park directly in front of the store for easy access. Furthermore, in negotiating the development of this site

with the community, it was their preference that the site be laid out in the fashion set forth on Developer's Exhibit 1 to buffer the effects of this commercial operation from their neighborhood.

Given all the testimony offered on the issue of relocating the proposed building and related parking, I have determined that the design depicted on Developer's Exhibit 1 is the most practical. I will therefore not require its relocation and the plan as submitted should be approved.

The next issue concerned sidewalks along Sweet Air Road and Hampshire Knob Drive. Offering testimony on this issue again were Irv McDaniel and Lynn Lanham of the Office of Planning and Zoning. They testified that their office supports sidewalks along both roads, citing pedestrian safety as the necessity for same. They believe that some residents of the surrounding community may wish to walk to the Blockbuster Video Store and would therefore need sidewalk access. Thus, they believe that sidewalks are necessary along both roads.

Testimony on this issue was offered by those residents of the surrounding community who attended the hearing. The majority of the residents indicated that they would like sidewalks on Sweet Air Road, only. They do not want sidewalks on Hampshire Knob Drive, citing, again, that sidewalks would tend to promote additional development and would detract from the rural character of their neighborhood. Therefore, they asked that sidewalks only be installed along Sweet Air Road. Testimony in this respect was offered by Mitchell Daly, Secretary of the Greater Jacksonville Association, Barbara Rusinko, a nearby resident, and T. Ray McCurdy, a fellow member of the Bar, and a resident and spokesman for the community.

After considering the testimony and evidence offered on the issue of sidewalks, I have determined that sidewalks should be installed along

Sweet Air Road, but are not necessary along Hampshire Knob Drive. Therefore, the Developer shall only be required to install sidewalks on Sweet Air Road.

The last issue raised concerned the installation of additional street lights along Hampshire Knob Drive. The community members in attendance testified that the corner of Hampshire Knob Drive and Sweet Air Road is currently adequately illuminated by street lights. They argued, again, that additional street lighting would detract from the rural character of their neighborhood and promote urbanization. Although the community was adamantly opposed to additional street lights along Hampshire Knob Drive, they support the lighting of the parking area around the Blockbuster Video Store for safety and security. It was also agreed by the Developer that all lighting associated with the Blockbuster Video Store and related parking would be extinguished between the hours of 1:00 AM and 7:00 AM daily.

Mr. Dave Snook, a representative of the Department of Public Works, testified concerning the street lighting issue. Mr. Snook testified that his agency is of the opinion that street lighting as required by the Development Manual should be installed on both Sweet Air Road and Hampshire Knob Drive and he cited pedestrian and traffic safety as reasons for the need for additional street lighting.

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relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) as follows: From Section 259.3(C)(7), Subsections (A) and (C) to permit a building-mounted sign of 18 sq.ft. (6'3" x 3'1") in lieu of the maximum permitted 8 sq.ft. and to allow a ground-mounted sign to be illuminated; from Section Section 259.3(C)(2)(A) to permit a front yard setback of 87 feet in lieu of the required 40 feet; and from Section 259.3(C)(3)(A) to permit land-scaping of the front, side and rear setback areas as depicted on the land-scape plan submitted into evidence as Developer's Exhibit 2 and Petition-er's Exhibit 3 in lieu of the required entire front, side and rear setback areas, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

- 1) All lighting associated with the operation of the Blockbuster Video Store and related signage shall be extinguished between the hours of 1:00 AM and 7:00 AM daily.
- 2) The Owner/Developer shall be required to install sidewalks along Sweet Air Road, only.
- 3) The landscape plan submitted into evidence as Developer's Exhibit 3 and Petitioner's Exhibit 2 has been approved as the official landscape plan for this site and all landscaping shall be in accordance with same.
- 4) The Developer shall not install any additional street lights along Hamshire Knob Drive.

Any appeal of this decision must be taken in accordance with Section 26-209 of the Baltimore County Code.

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Hearing Officer

for Baltimore County

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

November 14, 1994

(410) 887-4386

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING AND PETITION FOR VARIANCE Sweet Air Road and Hampshire Knob Drive (Blockbuster Video Store)

10th Election District - 6th Councilmanic District Grahamp Ltd. Partnership Trustees - Owner, and Blockbuster Video Store - Developer Case Nos. X-318 & 95-97-A

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Development Plan has been approved and the Petition for Variance granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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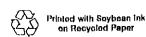
cc: Mr. Brien Haigley, Greater Jacksonville Association, Inc., P.O. Box 126, Phoenix, Md. 21131

Ms. Barbara Rusinko, 3614 Hampshire Glen Court, Phoenix, Md. 21131

Mr. Mitchell A. Daly, Jr., 13807 Ansari Lane, Baldwin, Md. 21013

Dave Flowers, Project Manager - ZADM; People's Counsel; Case/File

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Petition for Vari

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore

for the property located at 3420-3438 Sweet Air Road

which is presently zoned BL-CR & R.C.5

This Petition shall be flied with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached

hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Sarthaya's SQ. FT. (8' X 4') OF SURFACE VARIANCE: A) SECTION 259.3(C)(7)(A) TO PERMIT 32 SQ. FT. (8' X 4') OF SURFACE VARIANCE: A) SECTION 259.3(C)(7)(A) TO PERMIT 32 SQ. FT. (8' X 4') OF SURFACE AREA FOR BUILDING MOUNTED SIGN IN LIEU OF THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE 8 SQ. FT., B) SECTION 259.3(C)(2)(A) TO PERMIT A FRONT YARD SETBACK OF 87 FEET IN LIEU OF THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE 40 FEET, C) SECTION 259.3(C)(7)(C) TO ALLOW A GROUND MOUNTED SIGN TO BE ILLUMINATED, D) SECTION 259.3(C)(3)(A) TO PERMIT LANDSCAPING BY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OF FRONT, SIDE AND REAR SETBACKS IN AREAS PROVIDED ON PLAN Of the Zoning No. LIEU OF ENTIRE REQUIRED FRONT, SIDE AND REAR SETBACK AREAS.

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See Attached

Properly is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filling of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

> I/We do solemnly decime and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.

Contract Purchaser/Lessee:

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(Type or Poul Name) Drum Soufy		Pres. (Type or Pilot Name)
5 Dellwood Court		Paul K NAMOSHIRE
Address		(Type or Print Name)
Cockeysville, MD	21030	

Legal Owner(s):

Zlocode Signature Attorney for Petitioner: 2116 Albert Rill Road (Type or Print Name) Address Phone No. 21074 Hampshead. City State Zipcode, Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, control purchaser or representative Gignatura William Monk, Inc. Address Phone No.

222 Bosley Ave., Suite B-7 494-8931
Address Towson, MD 21204
Phone No Address TOWSON, MD

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REVIEWED BY

WILLIAM MONK, INC.

COURTHOUSE COMMONS 222 BOSLEY AVENUE SUITE B-7 TOWSON, MD 21204 410-494-8931 FAX 410-494-9903

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LAND USE PLANNING . LANDSCAPE DESIGN

VARIANCE A:

SECTION 259.3(C)(7)(A) TO PERMIT 32 SQ. FT. (8' X 4') OF SURFACE AREA FOR BUILDING MOUNTED SIGN IN LIEU OF THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE 8 SQ. FT.: THE BUILDING IS SET BACK OVER 100 FEET FROM SWEET AIR ROAD. THIS DISTANCE COUPLED WITH THE BERM AND EXTENSIVE TREE PLANTING BETWEEN THE BUILDING AND STREET NECESSITATES A SLIGHTLY LARGER SIGN.

VARIANCE B:

SECTION 259.3(C)(2)(A) TO PERMIT A FRONT YARD SETBACK OF 87 FEET IN LIEU OF THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE 40 FEET: TOPOGRAPHICAL CONSTRAINTS (IN LOCATING THE PARKING BEHIND THE RETAIL STORE) AND THE NEED TO ORIENT THE BUILDING TOWARDS SWEET AIR ROAD WITH PARKING IN FRONT OF THE STORE, REQUIRES THAT THE BUILDING BE LOCATED FURTHER BACK ON THE SITE. IT WOULD PROVE TO BE IMPRACTICAL FOR THE CUSTOMERS TO PARK BEHIND THE BUILDING AND WALK AROUND THE BUILDING AND UP AN INCLINE TO ENTER THE STORE.

VARIANCE C:

SECTION 259.3(C)(7)(C) TO ALLOW A GROUND MOUNTED SIGN TO BE ILLUMINATED: DUE TO LIMITED STREET LIGHTING IN THE AREA AND THE SMALL BUSINESS IDENTIFICATION SIGN (25 SQ. FT.), THE SIGN NEEDS TO BE ILLUMINATED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE VISUAL ORIENTATION FOR MOTORISTS TRAVELING ALONG SWEET AIR ROAD.

VARIANCE D:

SECTION 259.3(C)(3)(A) TO PERMIT LANDSCAPING BY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OF FRONT, SIDE AND REAR SETBACKS IN AREAS PROVIDED ON PLAN IN LIEU OF ENTIRE REQUIRED FRONT, SIDE AND REAR SETBACK AREAS: IT WOULD PROVE TO BE BOTH AN ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND AN UNNECESSARY BURDEN TO LANDSCAPE ALL OF THE SETBACK AREAS. THE CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING FROM THE ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WHICH IN COMBINATION WITH THE EXISTING ON-SITE TREES AND PERIMETER TREES, ADEQUATELY MEETS THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF THE LEGISLATION.

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STV/Lyon Associates

STV Environmental

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR STV Architects

BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO
NORTHEAST CORNER OF SWEET AIR ROAD
AND HAMPSHIRE KNOB DRIVE
JACKSONVILLE, 10TH ELECTION DISTRICT
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND.

BEGINNING at a point on the northeasterly side of Sweet Air Road, Maryland Route No. 145 (80 feet wide), distant North 30°37'24" West 40.00 feet from the centerline of Hampshire Knob Drive (50 feet wide), thence running along the northeasterly side of said Sweet Air Road the two following courses and distances,

- 1. North 30°37'24" West 98.00 feet to a point, thence by a curve to the left having,
- 2. A radius of 4,040.00 feet, an arc length of 167.84 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 31°48'49" West 167.83 feet to a point, thence leaving Sweet Air Road and running,
- 3. North 26°15'56" East 519.96 feet to a point, thence,
- 4. South 56°54'53" East 455.37 feet to a point, to intersect the northwesterly side of the aforesaid Hampshire Knob Drive, thence along same, the five following courses and distances; by a curve to the right having,
- 5. A radius of 475.00 feet, an arc length of 95.31 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing South 37°22'42" West 95.15 feet to a point, thence,
- 6. South 43°07'36" West 370.72 feet to a point, thence by a curve to the right having,
- 7. A radius of 430.00 feet, an arc length of 121.95 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing South 51°15'06" West 121.55 feet to a point, thence,
- 8. South 59°22'36" West 54.28 feet to a point, thence,
- 9. North 75°37'24" West 21.21 feet to the point of beginning, as recorded in Deed Liber S.M. No. 7894, folio 184, et seq.

CONTAINING 218,653 square feet or 5.0196 acres of land, more or less. Also known as Nos. 3420-3438 Sweet Air Road, and/or, Nos. 14300-14350 Hampshire Knob Drive, and located in the 10th Election District.

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STV GROUP Mark A. Riddle

MD Professional Land Surveyor No. 10899

August 26, 1994

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ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

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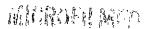
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PETITION PROCESSING FLAG

This petition has been accepted for filing, after an initial review, and has been placed on the agenda for the zoning advisory committee. However, the following items were found to be missing or incomplete when the petition was included on the agenda by Sophia. A copy of this "flag" will be placed in the case file for the agenda by Sophia. A copy of this "flag" will be placed in the case file for the zoning Commissioner's review. The planner that accepted the petition for filing has zoning Commissioner's review of the petitioner and/or attorney prior to the hearing or zoning Commissioner's review of the petition regarding the items noted below. If zoning Commissioner's review of the petition regarding the petitioner's ultimate the petitioner/attorney is contacted by the planner, it is the petitioner's ultimate decision and responsibility to make a proper application, address any zoning conflicts, and to file revised petition materials if necessary. Delays and unnecessary additional expenses may be avoided by correcting the petition to the proper form.

	Need an attorney
<u> </u>	The following information is missing: Descriptions, including accurate beginning point Actual address of property Zoning Acreage Plats (need 12, only submitted) 200 scale zoning map with property outlined Election district Councilmanic district BCZR section information and/or wording Hardship/practical difficulty information Owner's signature (need minimum 1 original signature) and/or printed name and/or address and/or telephone number Contract purchaser's signature (need minimum 1 original signature) and/or printed name and/or address Signature (need minimum 1 original signature) and/or printed name and/or title of person signing for legal
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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore
County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in
Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING

Project Name: BLOCKBUSTER Video Store

Project Number: X-318

Location: 3420 - 3438 Sweet Air Road

Sweet Air Road and Hampshire Knob Drive

Applicant(s): Blockbuster Video/Brien Haigley

Acres: 5.59+/-

Proposal: 8,000 square foot video store

AND

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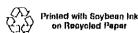
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HEARING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1994 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118, 01d Courthouse.

Arnold Jablo

Director

MARKET STANKE



Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



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September 26, 1994

NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT

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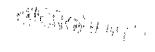
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HEARING: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1994 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, MD 21204.

ARNOLD JABLON DIRECTOR

cc: William Monk, Inc.





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Four Corners Entertainment 5 Dellwood Court Cockeysville, Maryland

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RE: Item No. 88, Case No. 95-97 A
Petitioner: Grahamp Ltd.Partnership

Dear Petitioner:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on September, 1994 and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

- 1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.
- 2) Anyone using this system should be fully aware that they are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of any such petition. All petitions filed in this manner will be reviewed and commented on by Zoning personnel prior to the hearing. In the event that the petition has not been filed correctly, there is always a possibility that another hearing will be required or the Zoning Commissioner will deny the petition due to errors or incompleteness.
- 3) Attorneys, engineers and applicants who make appointments to file petitions on a regular basis and fail to keep the appointment without a 72 hour notice will be required to submit the appropriate filing fee at the time future appointments are made. Failure to keep these appointments without proper advance notice, i.e. 72 hours, will result in the forfeiture loss of the filing fee.

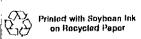
Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

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700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500 Office of the Fire Marshal (410) 887-4880

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Paltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
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Item No.: SEE BELOW - Honning Agenda:

Pentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Ducau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marchal's Office has no commente at this time, in REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS: 88,20,94,95,97, 98 AND 99.

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REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT F. SOUERWALD
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: September 16, 1994

Zoning Admin. & Development

Management Office

FROM:

Pat Keller, Director

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SUBJECT:

Item Nos.

Please be advised that comments regarding the subject petitions will be submitted as part of the Development Plan Review Process.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE ZADM T0: DEPRM FROM: Development Coordination Zoning Advisory Committee SUBJECT: Agenda: Sept. The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items: Item #'s: SEP. 2 8 1994 LS:sp John Brand Belling LETTY2/DEPRM/TXTSBP

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: September 26, 1994 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Developers Engineering Section

RE:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for September 26, 1994
Item No. \$8

The Developers Engineering Section has reviewed the subject zoning item. We support the variance request for the landscape buffering of the rear of the property due to the effective buffering of the existing vegetation.

The frontage along Sweet Air Road and Hampshire Knob Drive to the middle of the site is subject to all previously given landscape review comments.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

October 4, 1994

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Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM:

J. Lawrence Pilson Development Coordinator, DEPRM

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item #88 Blockbuster Video Sweet Air Rd- & Hampshire Knob Dr.

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of September 19, 1994

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

The Development Plan Conference Comments for October 12, 1994 apply to this site.

JLP:LS:sp

BLOCKB/DEPRM/TXTSBP



O. James Lighthizer Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

October 7, 1994

Ms. Julie Winiarski
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
County Office Building
Room 109
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Baltimore County
MD 145
Blockbuster Video
Grahamp Limited
Partnership
Variance request

Item #+88 (JLL)

Dear Ms. Winiarski:

This office has reviewed the plan for the referenced item and offer the following:

In our previous review of the concept plan for the referenced development, we indicated that the proposed entrance location on MD 145 was not acceptable to the State Highway Administration, (SHA) due to inadequate sight distance to the west of the property caused by an existing off-site slope condition on the adjoining property. In addition, in keeping with normal SHA policy of limiting access onto State roadways whenever possible, we requested the county require that all access to this property be from Hampshire Knob Drive.

Our position was supported at both the concept plan conference and community input meeting by Baltimore County's Office of Planning. Recent conversations with the County's Office of Planning reveals that their position remains the same concerning the entrance location for this development.

In addition, we have had an opportunity to review a traffic input analysis submitted by the developer's engineer, and it has been determined that access to this property should be from Hampshire Knob Drive. If this entrance location is not supported by Baltimore County through the development review process, the entrance should be relocated to the east of the location indicated on the plan opposite the existing shopping center on the south side of MD 145. This location would significantly improve sight distance to the west of the entrance and increase left turn storage capacity for eastbound traffic entering the sight. Although the developer indicates that the existing off-site knoll located to the west of the property would be removed, this may create a maintenance problem for the SHA in the future.

My telephone number is 410-333-1350 (Fax# 333-1041)

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Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free Ms. Julie Winiarski Page Two October 7, 1994

Therefore, we can not recommend approval of the variance request since the entrance location indicated on the plan is not consistent with our previous comments that access to this site be via Hampshire Knob Drive.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this plan.

Very truly yours,

David Ramsey, Acting Chief Engineering Access Permits

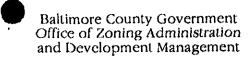
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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

October 12, 1994

Four Corners Entertainment 5 Dellwood Court Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

> Item 88, Case 95-97A Petitioner: Grahamp Limited Partnership

Dear Petitioners:

Enclosed are copies of comments received from SHA on October 07, 1994 for the above-referenced case.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 887-3391.

Sincerely,

Joyce Watson

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Printed with Soybean tok on Recycled Paper RE: PETITION FOR VARTANCE *
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Air Road, W/S Hampshire Know Drive *
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Grahamp Limited Partnership Petitioners

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 95-97-A

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this ______ day of October, 1994, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to William Monk, Inc., 222 Bosley Avenue, Suite B-7, Towson, MD 21204, representative for Petitioners.

Peter Max Zimmernan

WILLIAM MONK, INC.

COURTHOUSE COMMONS
222 BOSLEY AVENUE
SUITE B-7
TOWSON, MD 21204
410-494-8931
FAX 410-494-9903

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FILE IN ZONING CASE FILE

October 17, 1994

Mr. Carl Richards
Zoning Administration and Development Management
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Re: Blockbuster Video

Dear Carl:

We are in receipt of your office's comments regarding our proposed development. After numerous meetings with your staff regarding the site plan and any variance implications, we will be proceeding to the hearing with the Zoning Commissioner on Friday, October 28, 1994 and will be seeking the four variances as so noted. As a point of clarification the building mounted sign will be reduced in size from four feet by eight feet to three feet one and three quarter inches by six feet three inches and this sign will not be lit. The monument sign located at the driveway entrance on Sweet Air Road will be ground lit.

Also attached is a rough calculations sheet delineating impervious and pervious areas within the parking lot in response to comment number two. The calculations indicate that 11% of the parking lot is pervious surface, in excess of the 7% requirement.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a contact me.

Cordially,

William P. Monk

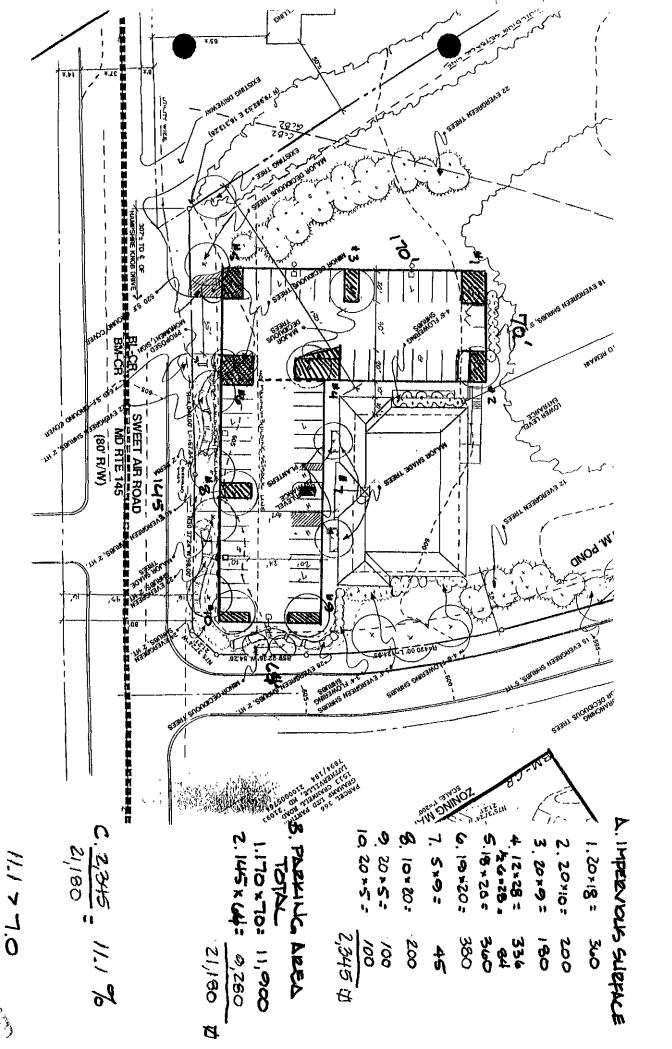
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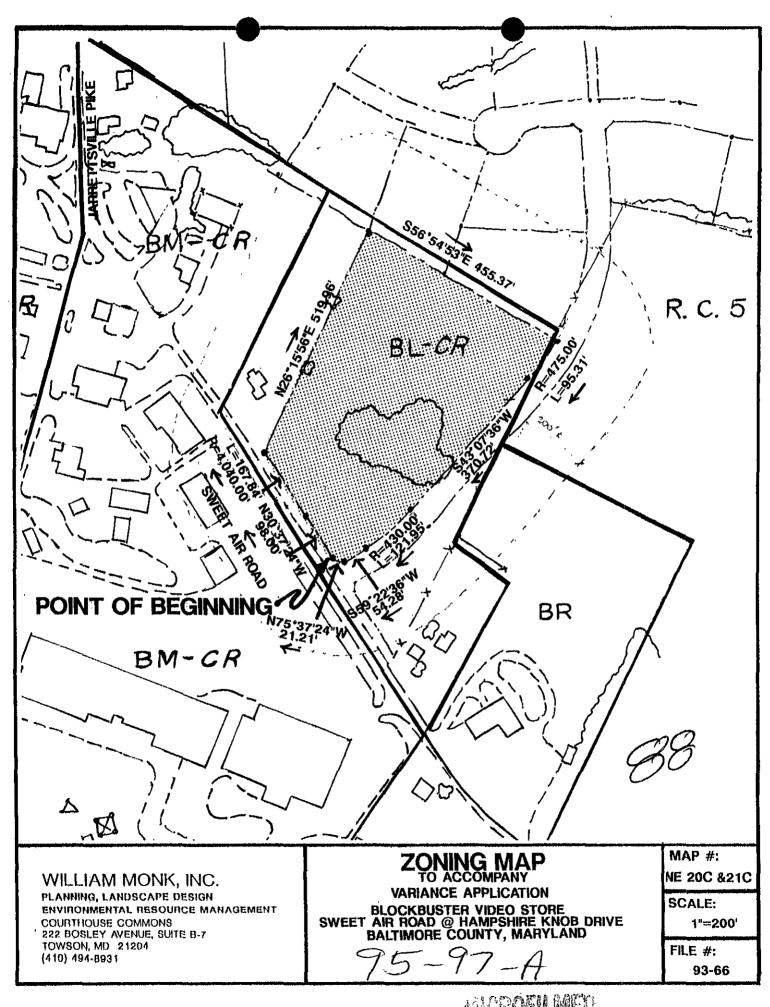
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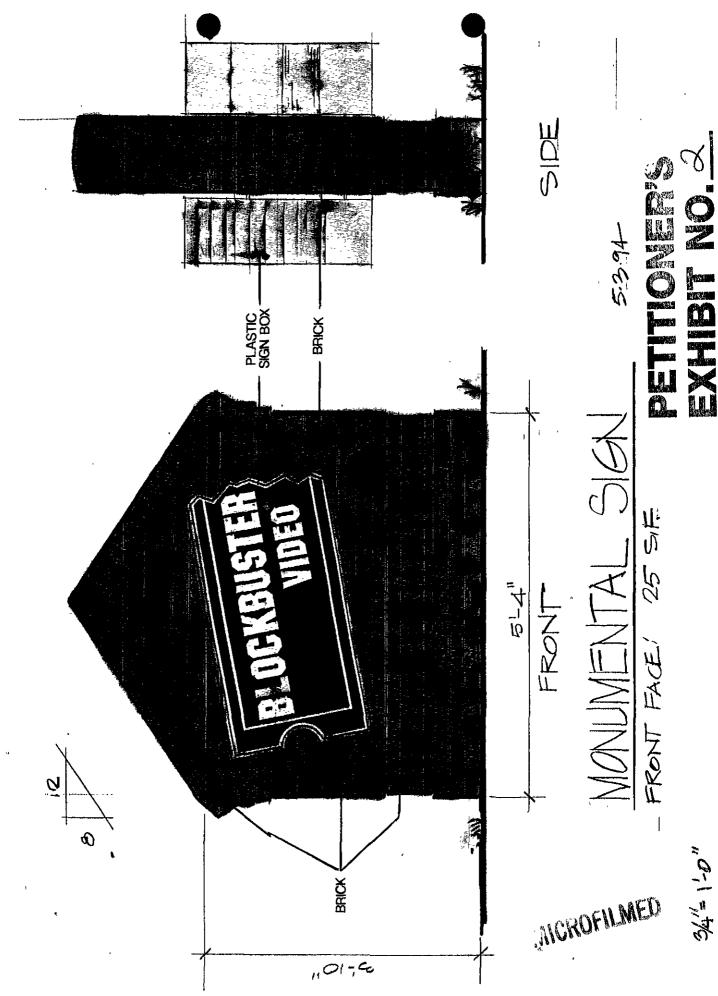
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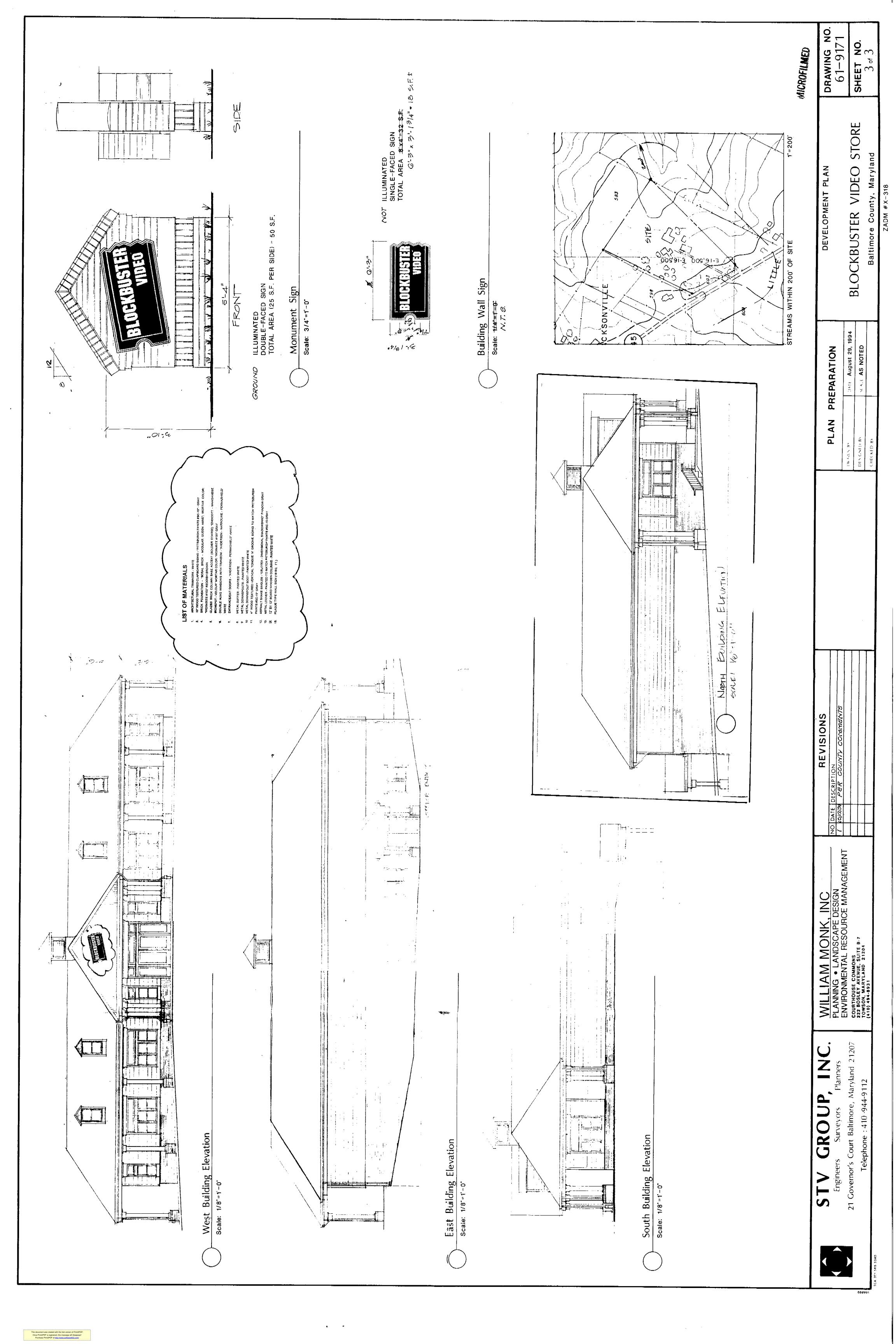
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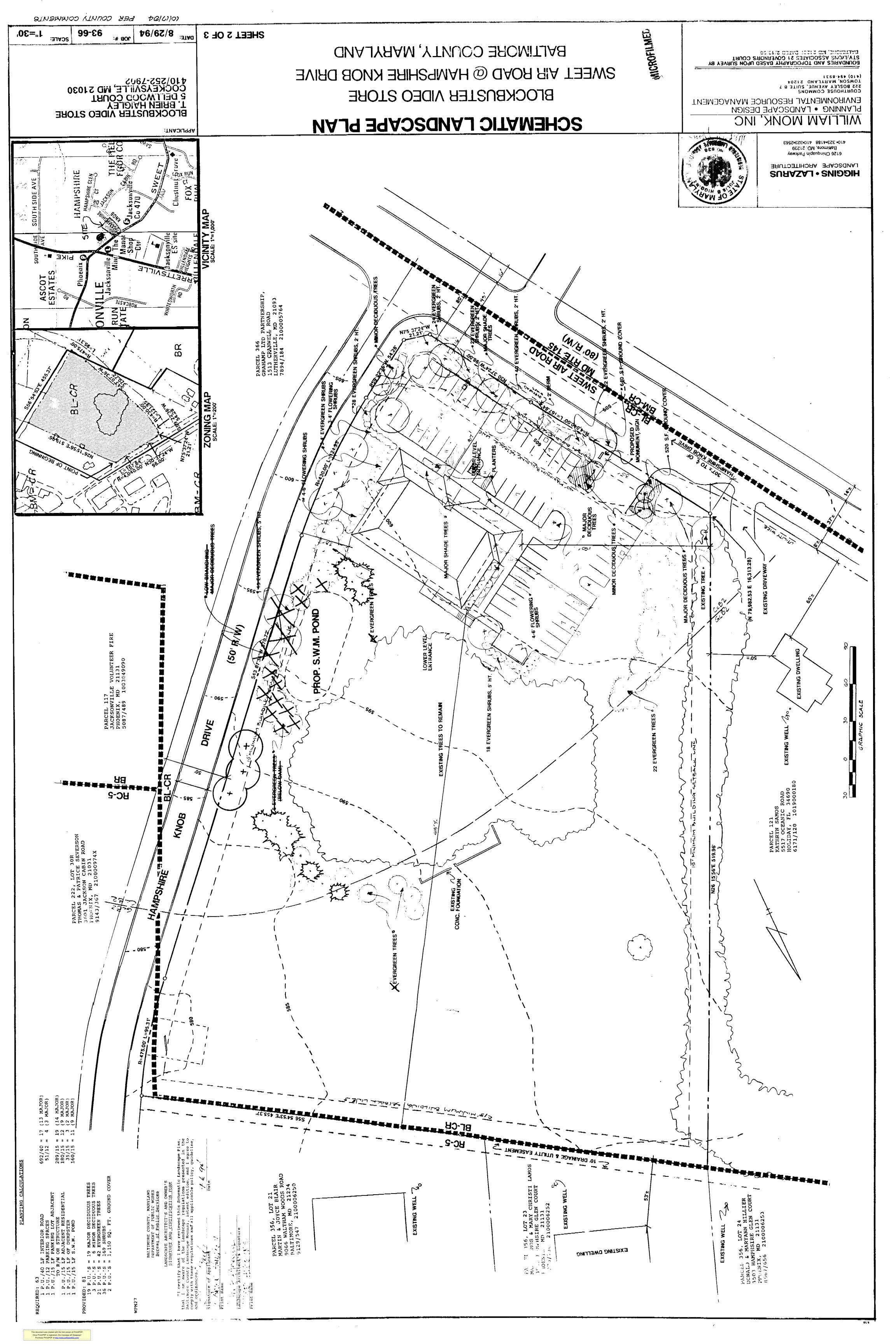
It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

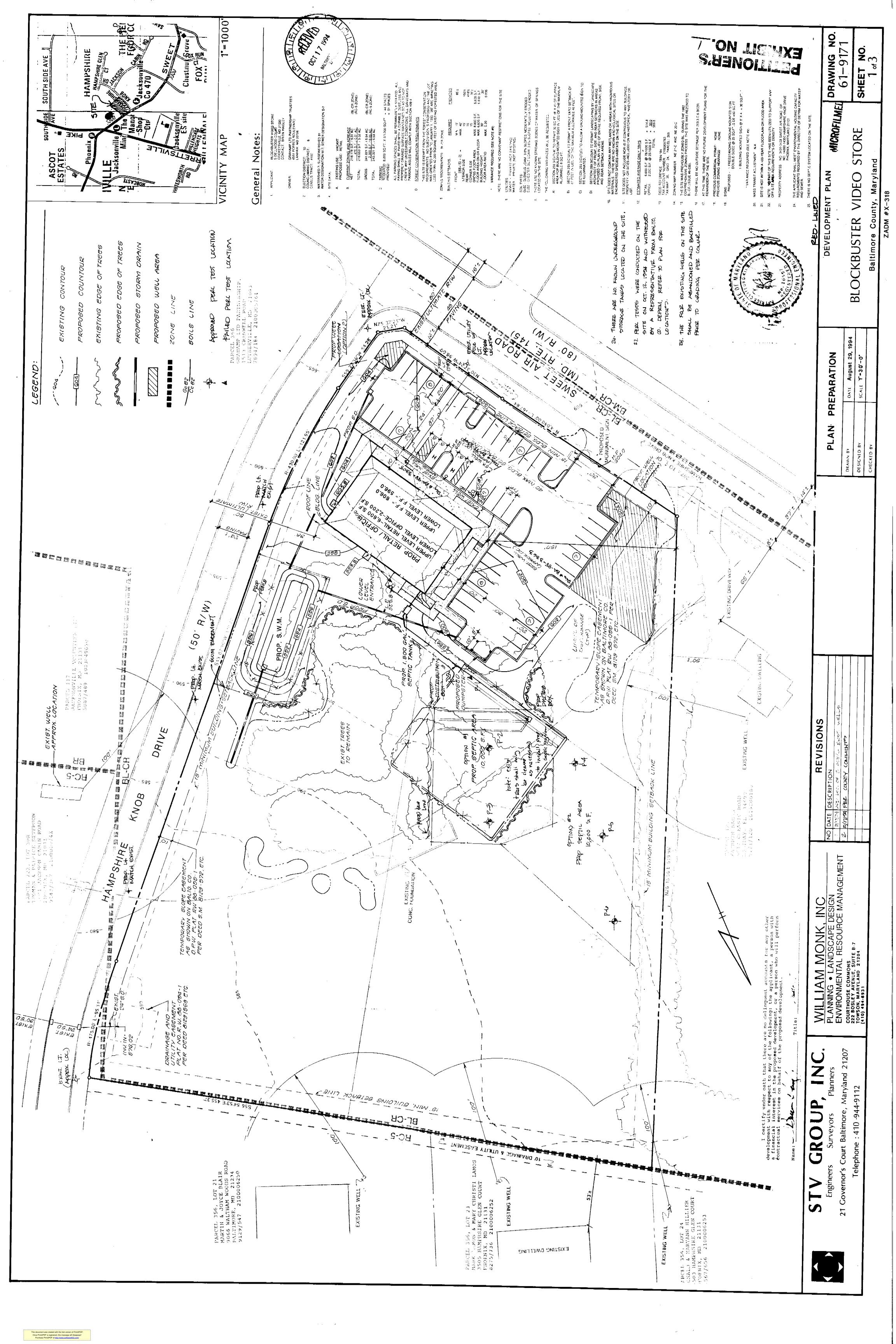
After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

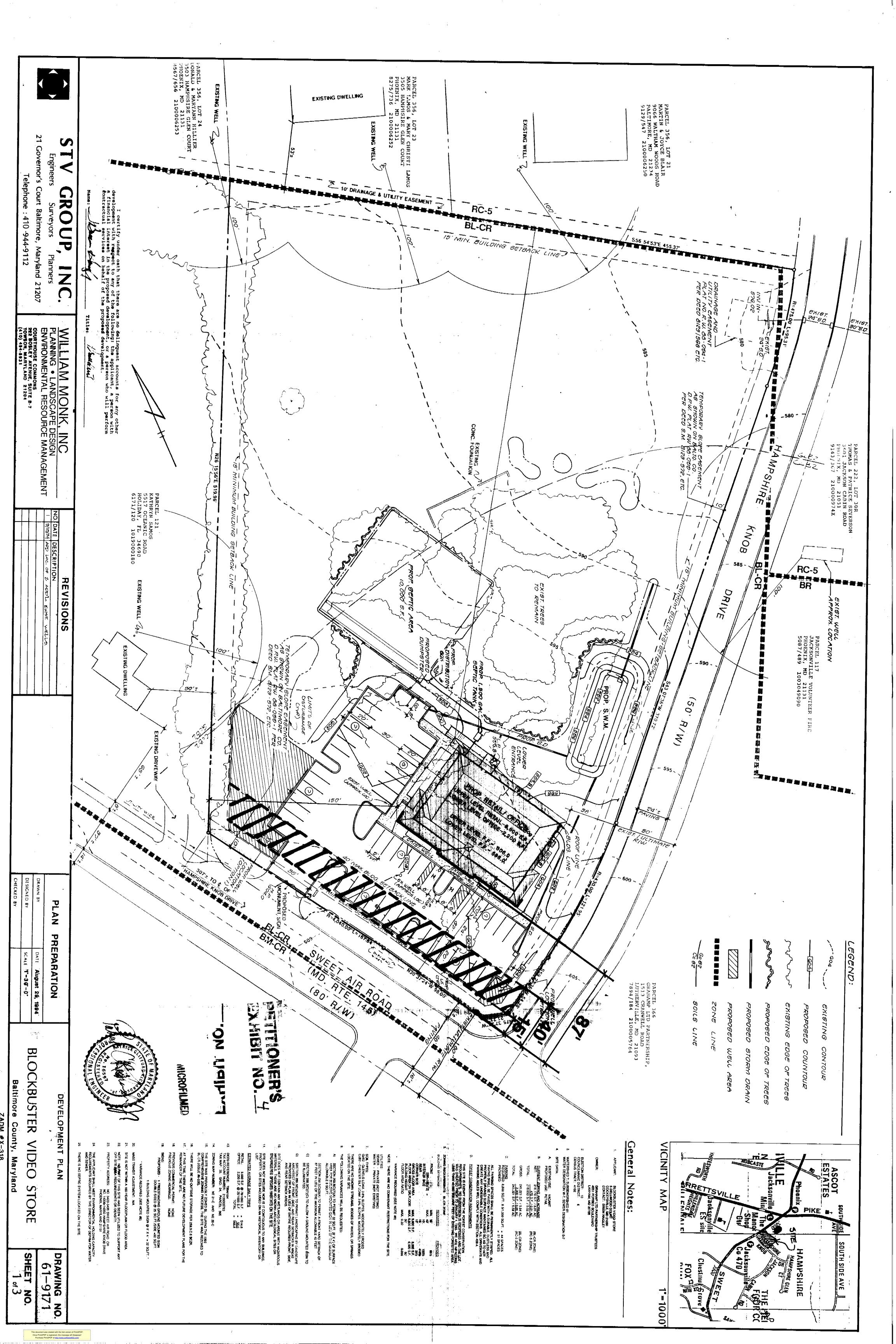
Therefore, pursuant to the zoning and development plan regulations of Baltimore County as contained within the B.C.Z.R. and Subtitle 26 of the Baltimore County Code, the advertising of the property and public hearing held thereon, the development plan shall be approved consistent with the comments contained herein and the Petition for Variance granted, subject to the restrictions set forth hereinafter.

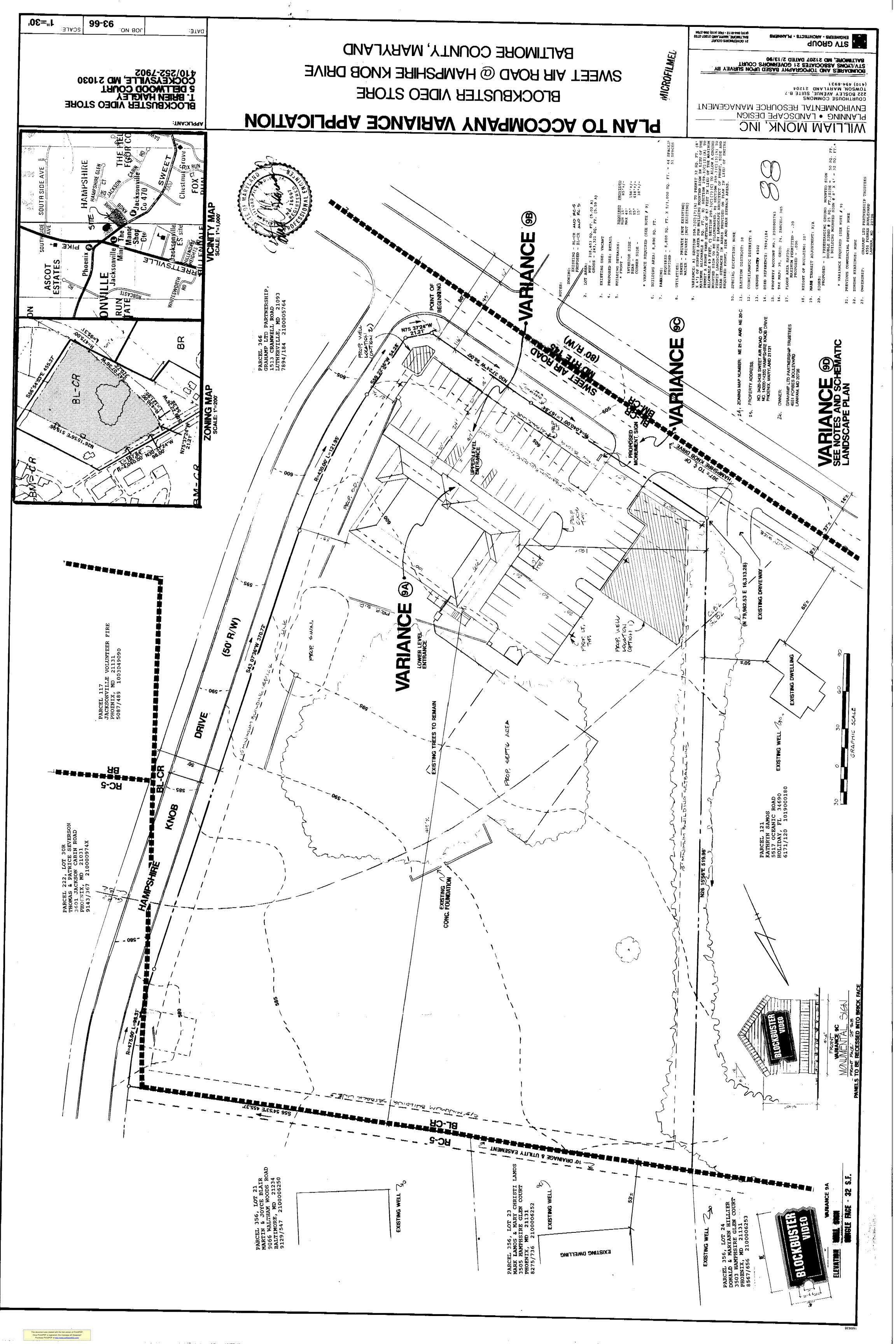
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner and Hearing Officer for Baltimore County this // day of November, 1994 that the development plan for the Blockbuster Video Store, identified herein as Developer's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby APPROVED, and,

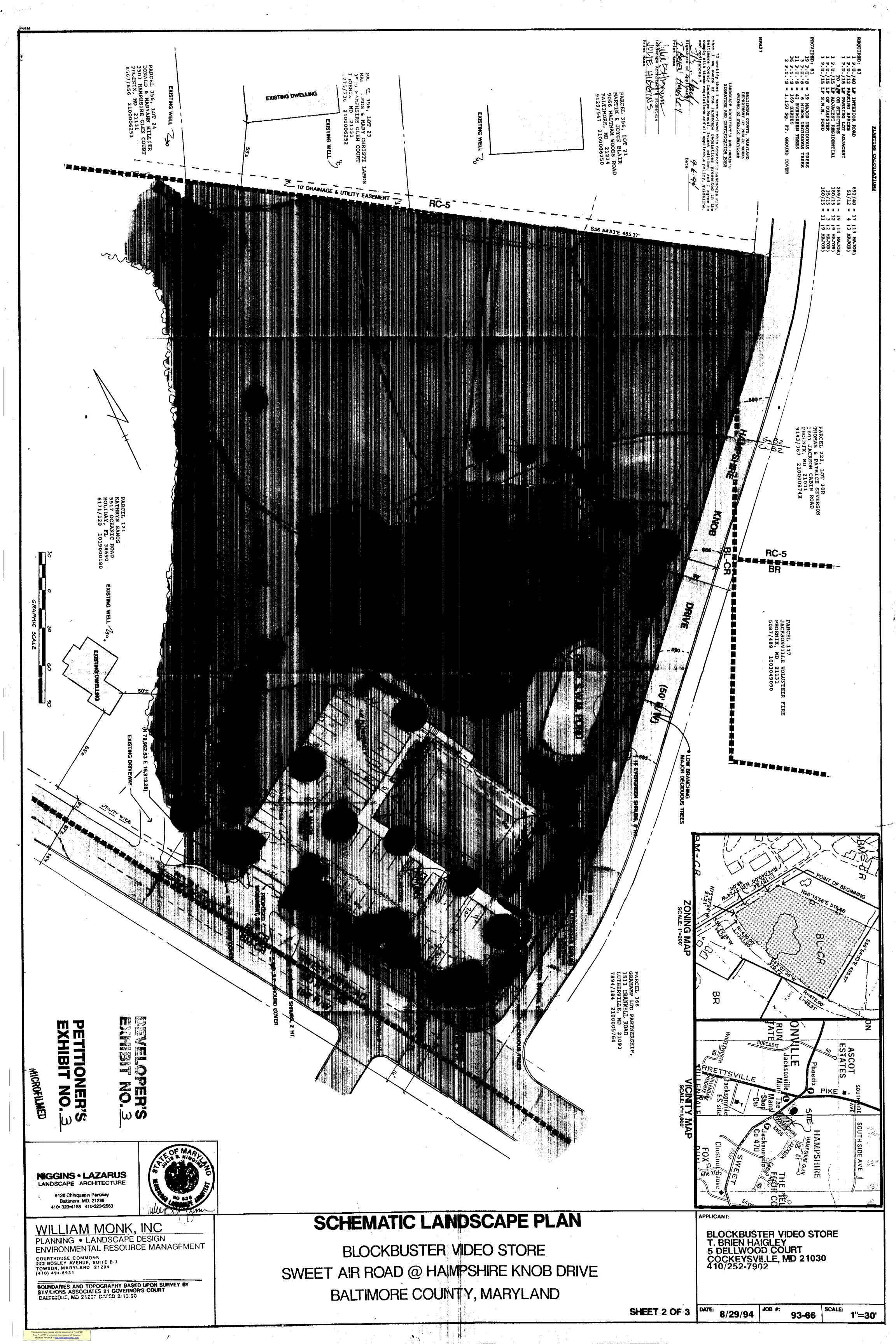












10th Election District

6th Councilmanic District * Case Nos. X-318 & 95-97-A Grahamp Limited Partnership Trustees - Owner and Blockbuster Video Store - Developer

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* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Hearing Officer for consideration of a development plan prepared by STV Group, Inc. for the proposed development of the subject property by its Owner, Grahamp Limited Partnership Trustees, by Paul Hampshire, General Partner, and the Contract Purchaser, Four Corners Entertainment, by T. Brien Haigley, President, with a Blockbuster Video Store, in accordance with the development plan submitted into evidence and marked as Developer's Exhibit 1. In addition to development plan approval, the Owner/Developer filed a Petition for Variance seeking relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) as follows: From Section 259.3(C)(7), Subsections (A) and (C) to permit a buildingmounted sign of 18 sq.ft. (6'3" x 3'1") in lieu of the maximum permitted 8 sq.ft. and to allow a ground-mounted sign to be illuminated; from Section Section 259.3(C)(2)(A) to permit a front yard setback of 87 feet in lieu of the required 40 feet; and from Section 259.3(C)(3)(A) to permit landscaping of the front, side and rear setback areas as depicted on the landscape plan submitted into evidence as Developer's Exhibit 2 and Petitioner's Exhibit 3 in lieu of the required entire front, side and rear setback areas. The subject property and relief requested are more particularly described on the development plan and site plan submitted into evidence as Developer's Exhibit 1 and Petitioner's Exhibits 3 and 4, respectively.

with the community, it was their preference that the site be laid out in the fashion set forth on Developer's Exhibit 1 to buffer the effects of this commercial operation from their neighborhood.

Given all the testimony offered on the issue of relocating the proposed building and related parking, I have determined that the design depicted on Developer's Exhibit 1 is the most practical. I will therefore not require its relocation and the plan as submitted should be approved.

The next issue concerned sidewalks along Sweet Air Road and Hampshire Knob Drive. Offering testimony on this issue again were Irv McDaniel and Lynn Lanham of the Office of Planning and Zoning. They testified that their office supports sidewalks along both roads, citing pedestrian safety as the necessity for same. They believe that some residents of the surrounding community may wish to walk to the Blockbuster Video Store and would therefore need sidewalk access. Thus, they believe that sidewalks are necessary along both roads.

Testimony on this issue was offered by those residents of the surrounding community who attended the hearing. The majority of the residents indicated that they would like sidewalks on Sweet Air Road, only. They do not want sidewalks on Hampshire Knob Drive, citing, again, that sidewalks would tend to promote additional development and would detract from the rural character of their neighborhood. Therefore, they asked that sidewalks only be installed along Sweet Air Road. Testimony in this respect was offered by Mitchell Daly, Secretary of the Greater Jacksonville Association, Barbara Rusinko, a nearby resident, and T. Ray McCurdy, a fellow member of the Bar, and a resident and spokesman for the community

After considering the testimony and evidence offered on the issue of sidewalks, I have determined that sidewalks should be installed along

Appearing at the public hearing on behalf of the Owner/Developer were William P. Monk, Land Planning and Zoning Consultant, Brian Haigley for Blockbuster Video Store, Mickey Cornelius, an expert Traffic Engineer with The Traffic Group, and Jonathan McGowan and Deborah Wood with STV Group, Inc. The Owner/Developer was represented by Robert A. Hoffman, Numerous representatives of the various Baltimore County agencies who reviewed the plan and submitted development plan comments attended the hearing. In addition, several residents from the surrounding community appeared as interested parties.

At the outset of the hearing, it was made clear that this Developer has gone to great lengths to meet with surrounding community members and has taken into consideration the concerns raised by them as to the proposed development prior to the hearing held before me on October 28. 1994 The property which is the subject of this matter consists of a gross area of 5.59 acres, split zoned B.L.-C.R. and R.C.5 and is presently unimproved. The Owner/Developer seeks to improve the site with a retail/office building containing 8800 sq.ft., including a Blockbuster Video Store. It should be noted that the Developer has concentrated all improvements to the property in the southernmost corner of the site closest to the intersection of Sweet. Air Road and Hampshire Knob Drive and has left the remainder of the property in its unimproved, natural state.

As to the history of this project, the concept plan conference for this development was conducted on April 18, 1994. As required, a community input meeting was held at the Carroll Manor Elementary School on June 23, 1994. Subsequently, a development plan was submitted and a conference thereon was conducted on October 12, 1994. Following the submission of that plan, development plan comments were submitted by the appro-

Sweet Air Road, but are not necessary along Hampshire Knob Drive. There-

fore, the Developer shall only be required to install sidewalks on Sweet

street lights along Hampshire Knob Drive. The community members in atten-

dance testified that the corner of Hampshire Knob Drive and Sweet Air Road

is currently adequately illuminated by street lights. They argued, again,

that additional street lighting would detract from the rural character of

their neighborhood and promote urbanization. Although the community was

adamantly opposed to additional street lights along Hampshire Knob Drive,

they support the lighting of the parking area around the Blockbuster Video

Store for safety and security. It was also agreed by the Developer that

all lighting associated with the Blockbuster Video Store and related park-

ing would be extinguished between the hours of 1:00 AM and 7:00 AM daily.

Works, testified concerning the street lighting issue. Mr. Snook testi-

fied that his agency is of the opinion that street lighting as required by

the Development Manual should be installed on both Sweet Air Road and

Hampshire Knob Drive and he cited pedestrian and traffic safety as reasons

the citizens as well as the representative of the Department of Public

Works on this issue, I believe that street lights should not be installed

along Hampshire Knob Drive. In my opinion, the testimony offered by the

residents demonstrated that the intersection of Sweet Air Road and Hamp-

shire Knob Drive is properly illuminated at this time. Therefore, I shall

not require the Developer to provide additional street lighting along Hamp-

for the need for additional street lighting.

Mr. Dave Snook, a representative of the Department of Public

After considering all of the testimony and evidence offered by

The last issue raised concerned the installation of additional

priate agencies of Baltimore County and a revised development plan incorporating these comments and bearing a revision date of October 17, 1994 was submitted at the hearing held before me on October 28, 1994.

At the preliminary stage of the public hearing before me. T am required to determine what, if any, agency comments remain unresolved. On behalf of the Developer, Mr. Hoffman identified several issues which needed to be addressed. The first issue raised involved the Office of Planning and Zoning's recommendation to move the proposed retail office building closer to Sweet Air Road and relocating the parking area from in front of the Blockbuster Video Store to the rear of the store. Testimony offered revealed that the Developer is opposed to relocating parking to the rear of the store due to the unusual shape and topography of the land. Those members of the community who were in attendance testified that parking should be provided in front of and to the side of the subject store and that they preferred the locations of the building and parking as shown on Developer's Exhibit 1.

A second issue raised concerned the Department of Public Works' request for additional sidewalks. The residents in attendance stated that they would like to see sidewalks installed along Sweet Air Road; however, they believe that sidewalks along Hampshire Knob Drive are inappropriate.

The last issue raised concerned the installation of street lights along Hampshire Knob Drive also recommended by the Department by Public Works. The residents in attendance at the hearing indicated they are opposed to any further illumination of Hampshire Knob Drive since this goad leads to their residential community. The residents are opposed to additional street lighting in this area, believing that this will detract from the residential and rural character of their community.

As these three issues remained unresolved at the hearing, it became necessary to take testimony regarding same.

As to the issued concerning the location of the Blockbuster Video Store and related parking area, Mr. Irv McDaniel of the Office of Planning and Zoning testified. Mr. McDaniel deferred to Ms. Lynn Lanham, also a representative of the Office of Planning and Zoning who testified in detail concerning the proposed location of the store and related parking. Ms. Lanham testified that it was her agency's position that the Blockbuster Video Store should be located closer to Sweet Air Road in order to maintain consistency with the other commercial businesses along this route who have closer setbacks to that roadway than the proposed store.

Testimony received from the community members in attendance was that they prefer the setback proposed by the Developer as set forth on Developer's Exhibit 1. They do not want parking to the rear of the store in that they believe said parking would infringe upon their residential neighborhood. They believe that the building itself provides a buffer for their community from vehicular traffic, headlights, and any noise that might be generated by traffic to and from the site. They are very much opposed to relocating the parking to the rear of the store in order to move the building closer to Sweet Air Road.

On behalf of the Developer, Mr. William Monk testified concerning relocating the subject building and accessory parking area closer to Sweet Air Road. Mr. Monk stated that the manner in which the proposed development has been laid out is the best possible design, considering the use proposed for this building. He testified that customers of the Blockbuster Video Stores typically wish to park directly in front of the store for easy access. Furthermore, in negotiating the development of this site

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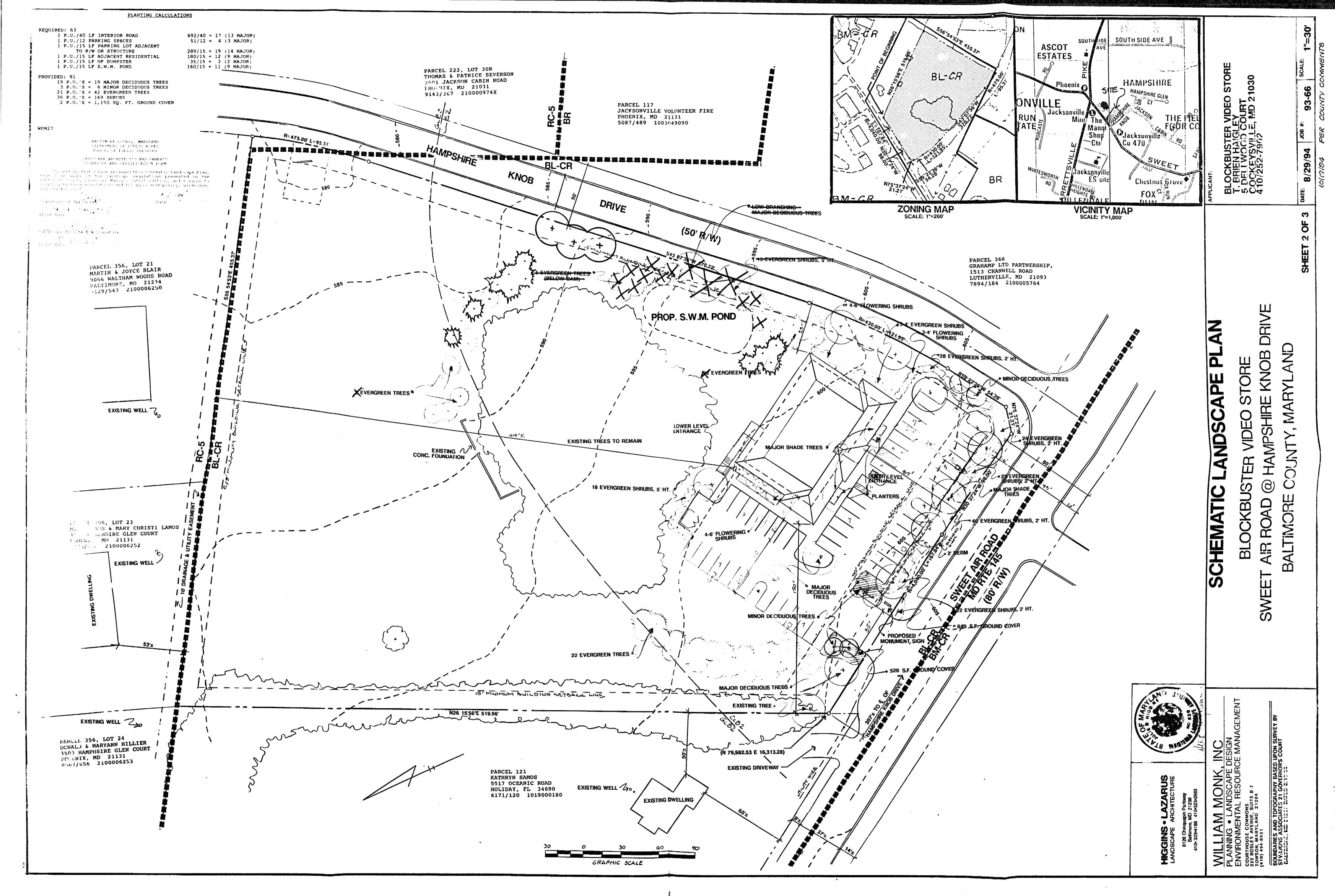
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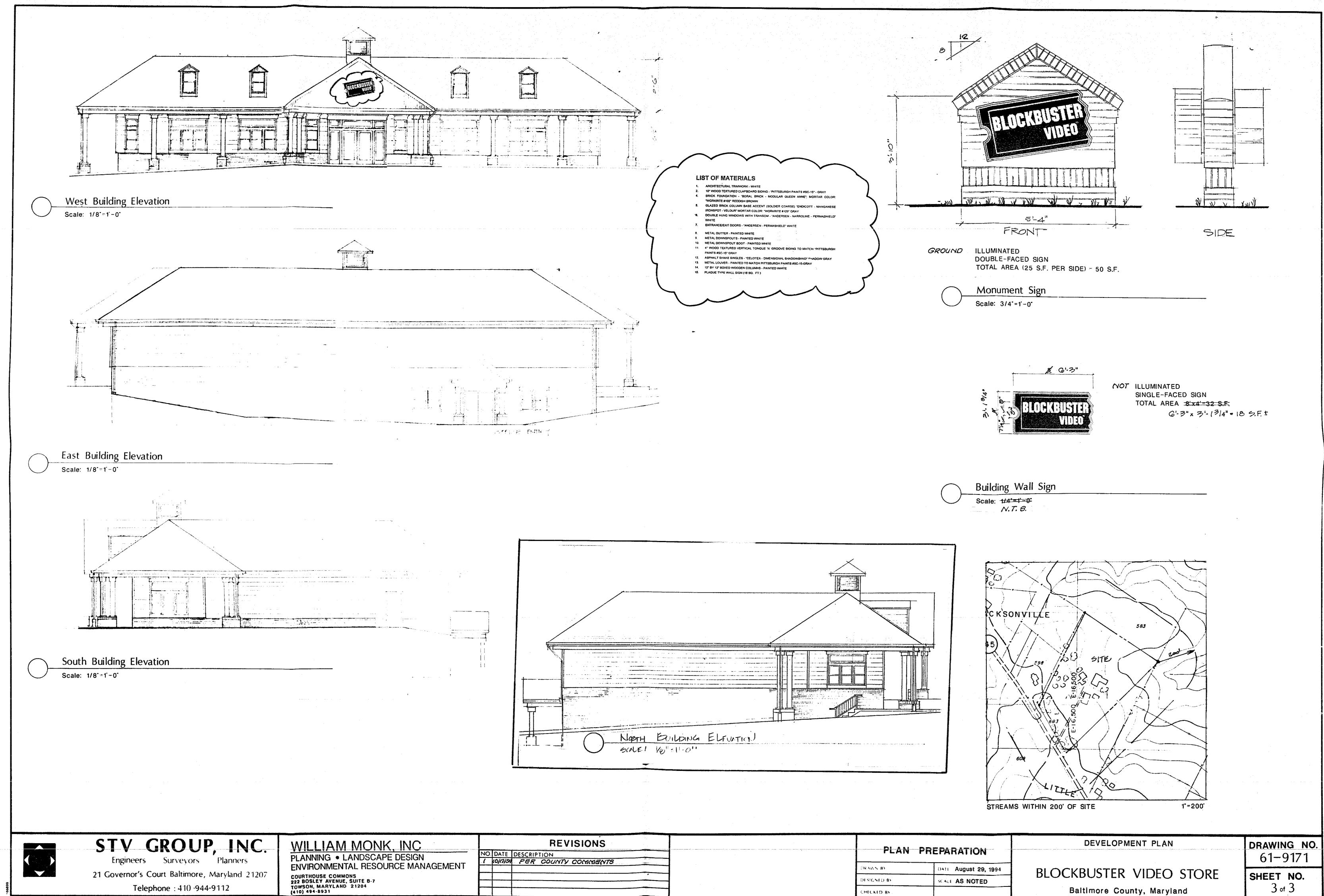
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Therefore, pursuant to the zoning and development plan regulations of Baltimore County as contained within the B.C.Z.R. and Subtitle 26 of the Baltimore County Code, the advertising of the property and public hearing held thereon, the development plan shall be approved consistent with the comments contained herein and the Petition for Variance granted, subject to the restrictions set forth hereinafter.

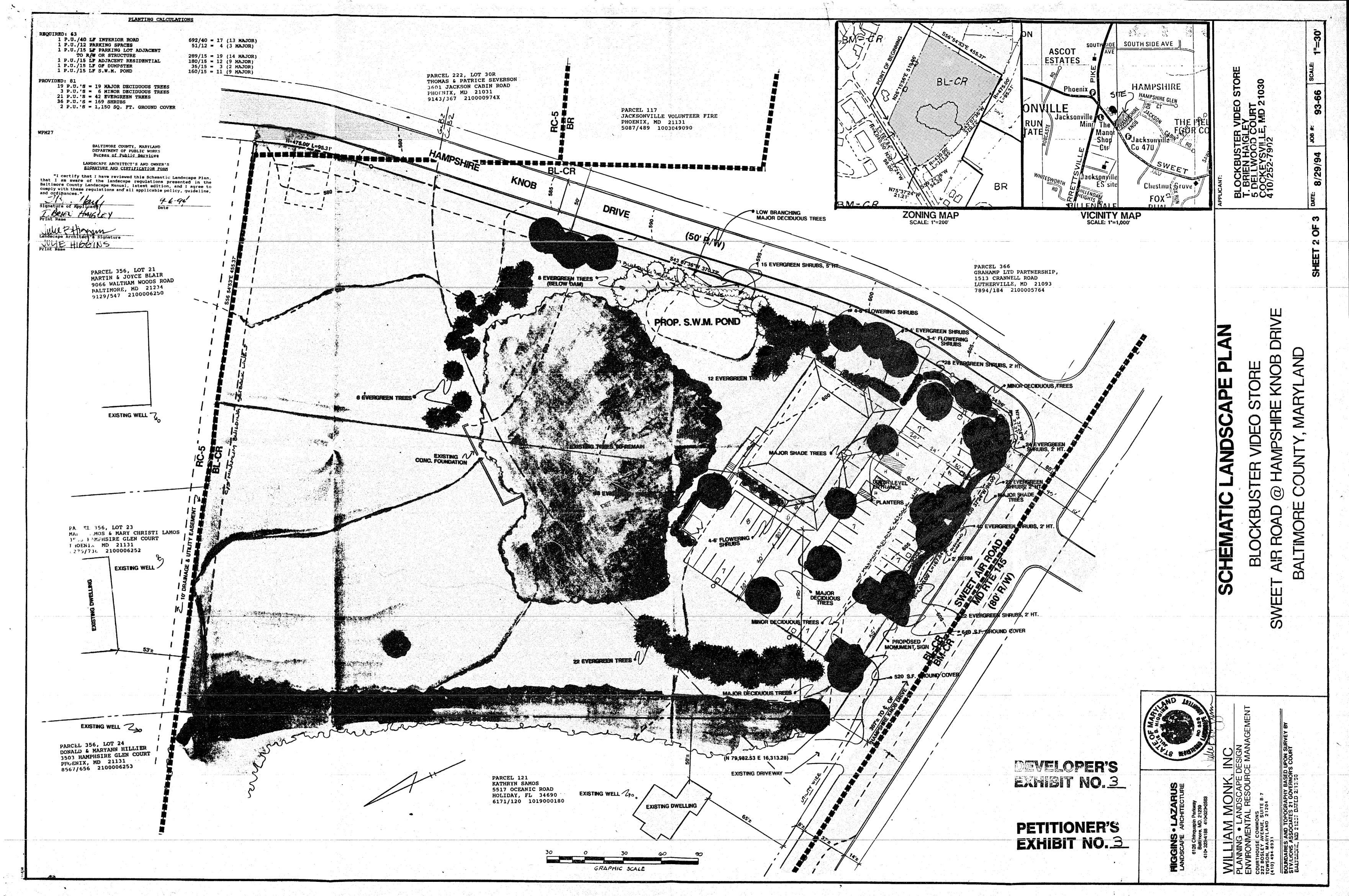
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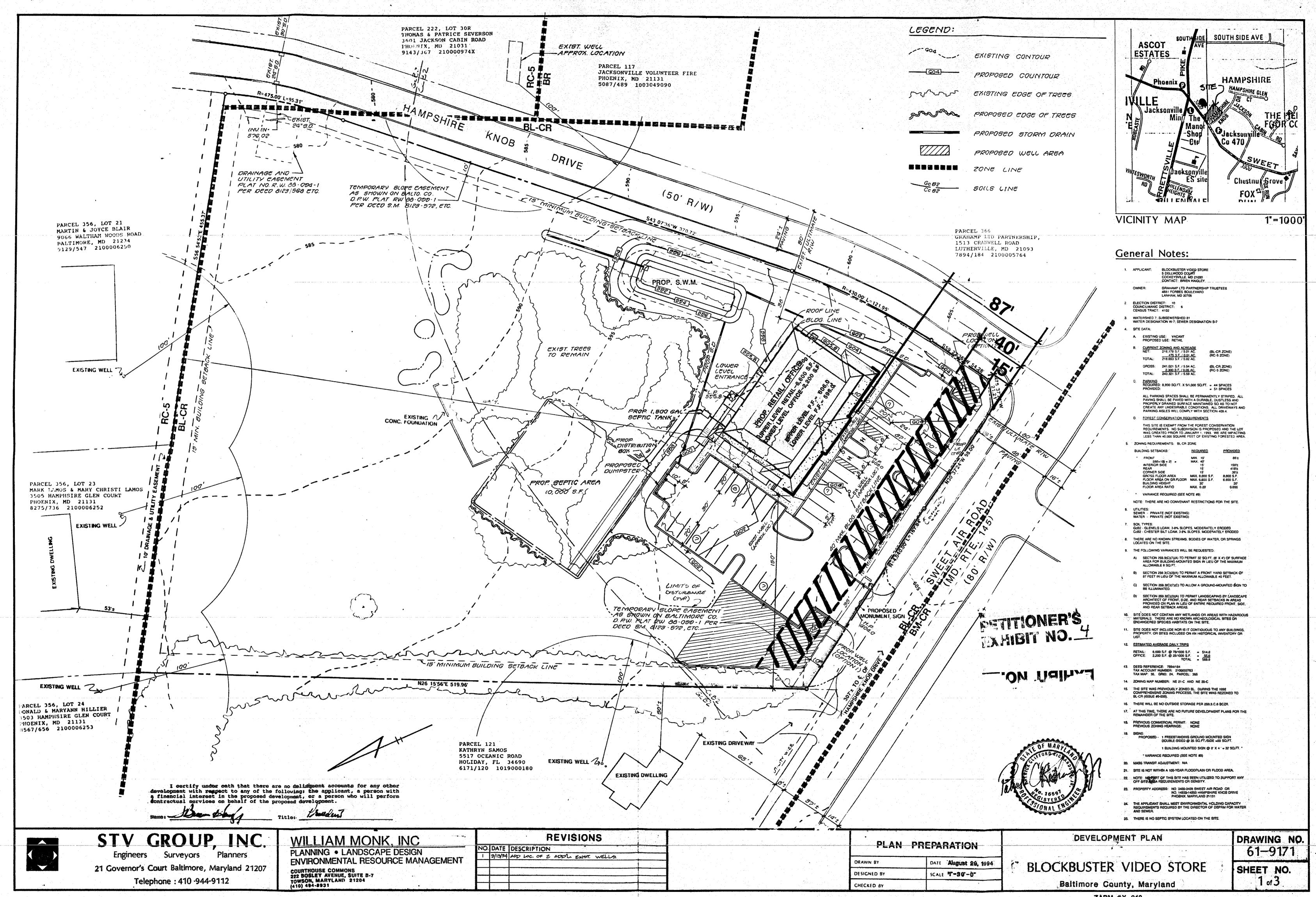




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> 2) The Owner/Developer shall be required to install sidewalks along Sweet Air Road, only.

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4) The Developer shall not install any additional street lights along Hamshire Knob Drive.

Any appeal of this decision must be taken in accordance with

Section 26-209 of the Baltimore County Code.

Hearing Officer

for Baltimore County

TMK:bjs

Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

November 14, 1994

Baltimore County Government

(410) 887-4386

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING AND PETITION FOR VARIANCE Sweet Air Road and Hampshire Knob Drive (Blockbuster Video Store) 10th Election District - 6th Councilmanic District Grahamp Ltd. Partnership Trustees - Owner, and Blockbuster Video Store - Developer Case Nos. X-318 & 95-97-A

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Development Plan has been approved and the Petition for Variance granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, Ly llotroes TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner

> > 95-97-4

for Baltimore County

cc: Mr. Brien Haigley, Greater Jacksonville Association, Inc., P.O. Box 126, Phoenix, Md. 21131

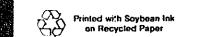
Ms. Barbara Rusinko, 3614 Hampshire Glen Court, Phoenix, Md. 21131 Mr. Mitchell A. Daly, Jr., 13807 Ansarí Lane, Baldwin, Md. 21013 Dave Flowers, Project Manager - ZADM; People's Counsel; Caşe/File

> CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Location of signe Facing road way pon property being zoned

Location of property: 3420 - 3438 5Wart Air Rd N/S



engineers/architects/planners/scientists/construction managers

STV/Seelye Stevenson Value & Knecht STV/Sanders & Thomas STV/Lyon Associates STV Environmental

STV Architects ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO NORTHEAST CORNER OF SWEET AIR ROAD AND HAMPSHIRE KNOB DRIVE JACKSONVILLE, 10TH ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND.

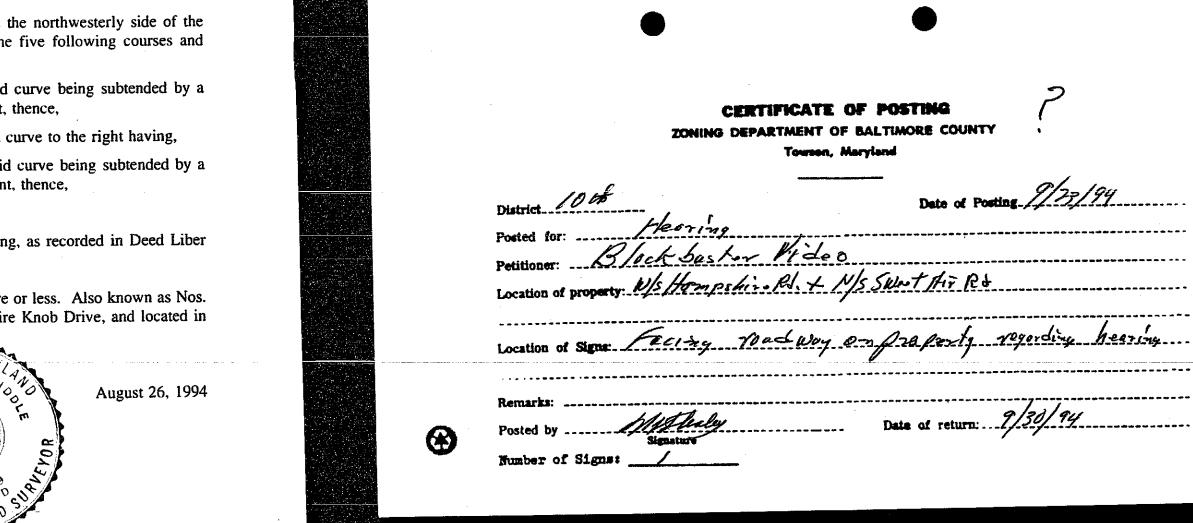
BEGINNING at a point on the northeasterly side of Sweet Air Road, Maryland Route No. 145 (80 feet wide), distant North 30°37'24" West 40.00 feet from the centerline of Hampshire Knob Drive (50 feet wide), thence running along the northeasterly side of said Sweet Air Road the two following courses and distances,

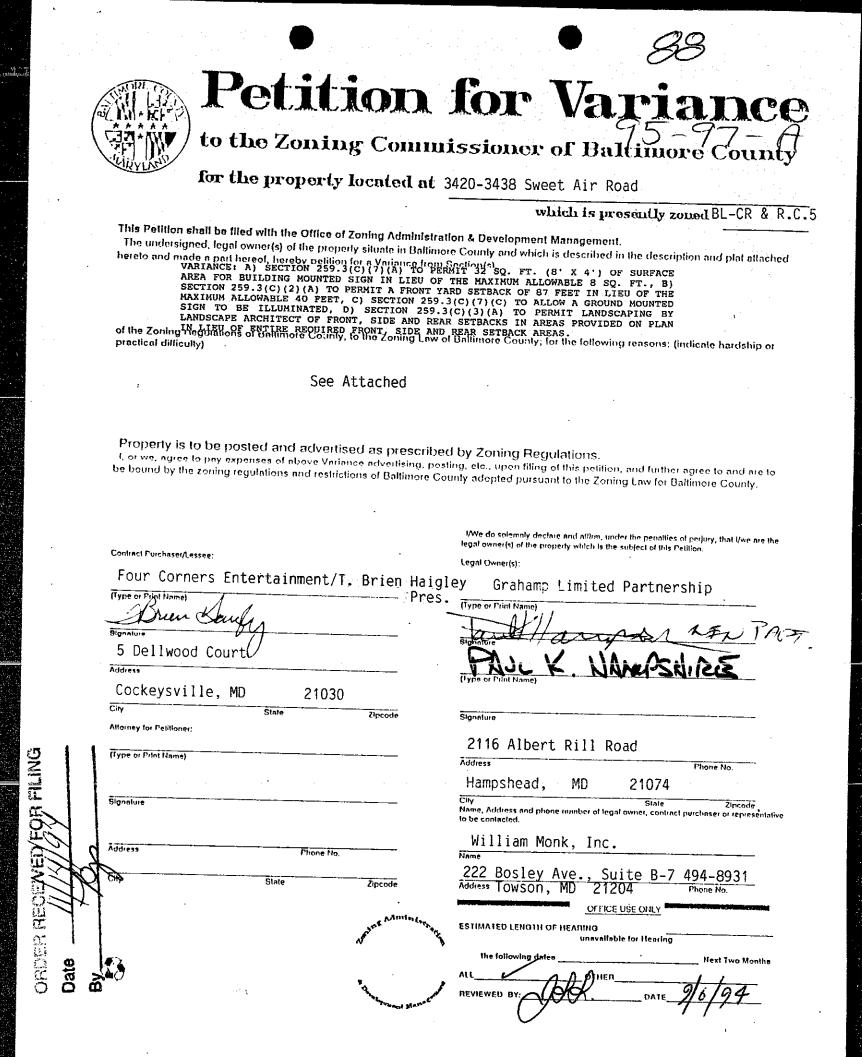
- North 30°37'24" West 98.00 feet to a point, thence by a curve to the left having,
- A radius of 4,040.00 feet, an arc length of 167.84 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 31°48'49" West 167.83 feet to a point, thence leaving Sweet Air Road and running,
- North 26°15'56" East 519.96 feet to a point, thence,
- South 56°54'53" East 455.37 feet to a point, to intersect the northwesterly side of the aforesaid Hampshire Knob Drive, thence along same, the five following courses and distances; by a curve to the right having,
- 5. A radius of 475.00 feet, an arc length of 95.31 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing South 37°22'42" West 95.15 feet to a point, thence,
- South 43°07'36" West 370.72 feet to a point, thence by a curve to the right having,
- 7. A radius of 430.00 feet, an arc length of 121.95 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing South 51°15'06" West 121.55 feet to a point, thence,
- South 59°22'36" West 54.28 feet to a point, thence,
- North 75°37'24" West 21.21 feet to the point of beginning, as recorded in Deed Liber S.M. No. 7894, folio 184, et seq.

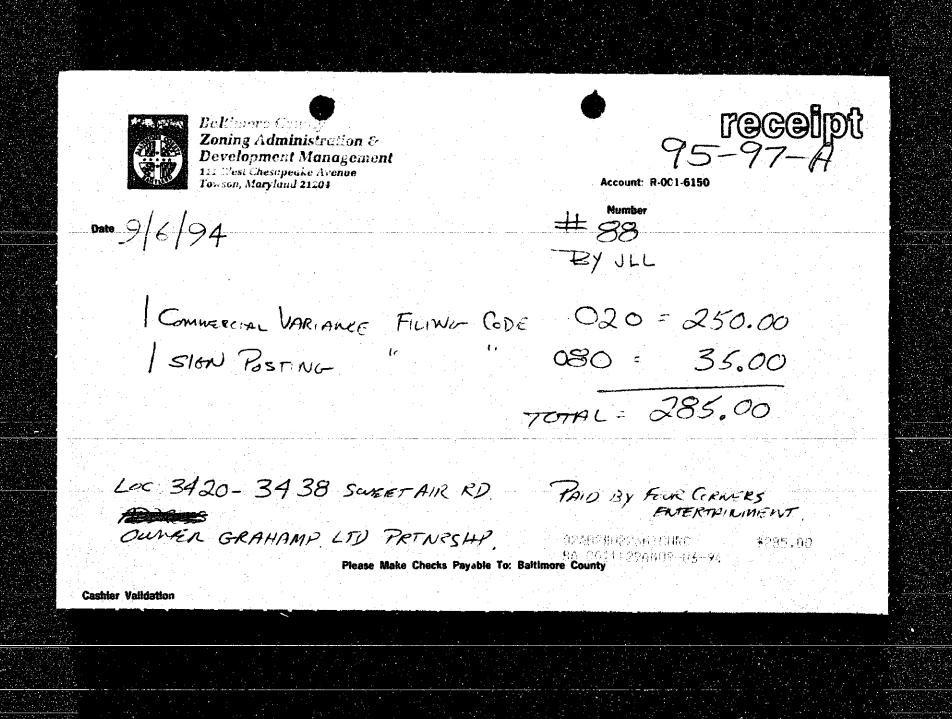
CONTAINING 218,653 square feet or 5.0196 acres of land, more or less. Also known as Nos. 3420-3438 Sweet Air Road, and/or, Nos. 14300-14350 Hampshire Knob Drive, and located in the 10th Election District

STV GROUP Mark A. Riddle MD Professional Land Surveyor No. 10899

21 Governor's Court Baltimore, MD 2124--17







SECTION 259.3(C)(3)(A) TO PERMIT LANDSCAPING BY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OF FRONT, SIDE AND REAR SETBACKS IN AREAS PROVIDED ON PLAN IN LIEU OF ENTIRE REQUIRED FRONT, SIDE AND REAR SETBACK AREAS: IT WOULD PROVE TO BE BOTH AN ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND AN UNNECESSARY BURDEN TO LANDSCAPE ALL OF THE SETBACK AREAS. THE CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING FROM THE ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WHICH IN COMBINATION WITH THE EXISTING ON-SITE TREES AND PERIMETER TREES, ADEQUATELY MEETS THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF THE LEGISLATION.

SECTION 259.3(C)(7)(A) TO PERMIT 32 SQ. FT. (8' X

4') OF SURFACE AREA FOR BUILDING MOUNTED SIGN IN

LIEU OF THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE 8 SO. FT.: THE BUILDING IS SET BACK OVER 100 FEET FROM SWEET AIR

ROAD. THIS DISTANCE COUPLED WITH THE BERM AND

EXTENSIVE TREE PLANTING BETWEEN THE BUILDING AND

SECTION 259.3(C)(2)(A) TO PERMIT A FRONT YARD

40 FEET: TOPOGRAPHICAL CONSTRAINTS (IN LOCATING

THE PARKING BEHIND THE RETAIL STORE) AND THE NEED

TO ORIENT THE BUILDING TOWARDS SWEET AIR ROAD WITH

PARKING IN FRONT OF THE STORE, REQUIRES THAT THE

BUILDING BE LOCATED FURTHER BACK ON THE SITE. IT

WOULD PROVE TO BE IMPRACTICAL FOR THE CUSTOMERS TO PARK BEHIND THE BUILDING AND WALK AROUND THE

SECTION 259.3(C)(7)(C) TO ALLOW A GROUND MOUNTED

SIGN TO BE ILLUMINATED: DUE TO LIMITED STREET

LIGHTING IN THE AREA AND THE SMALL BUSINESS

IDENTIFICATION SIGN (25 SQ. FT.), THE SIGN NEEDS TO

BE ILLUMINATED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE VISUAL

ORIENTATION FOR MOTORISTS TRAVELING ALONG SWEET AIR

BUILDING AND UP AN INCLINE TO ENTER THE STORE.

SETBACK OF 87 FEET IN LIEU OF THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE

STREET NECESSITATES A SLIGHTLY LARGER SIGN.

COURTHOUSE COMMONS

222 BOSLEY AVENUE

TOWSON, MD 21204

FAX 410-494-9903

SUITE B-7

410-494-8931

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County. This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS: 1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.

WILLIAM MONK, INC.

VARIANCE B:

VARIANCE D:

LAND USE PLANNING . LANDSCAPE DESIGN

from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper. NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration

and Development Management

(410) 887-3353

For newspaper advertising: Petitioner: GRANAMA LTD PARTNERSAIP Totalion: SWEET AIR ROADE HANGELES KNUB DRIVE PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:

NAME: WILLIAM MONK INC ADDRESS: 222 BASLEY AUE TOWSON MO 21204

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(Revised 04/09/93)

PETITION PROCESSING FLAG

This petition has been accepted for filing, after an initial review, and has been placed on the agenda for the zoning advisory committee. However, the following items were found to be missing or incomplete when the petition was included on the agenda by Sophia. A copy of this "flag" will be placed in the case file for the agenua by Sophia. A Copy of this ring will be placed in the case life for the Zoning Commissioner's review. The planner that accepted the petition for filing has the option of notifying the petitioner and/or attorney prior to the hearing or operon of notifying the petitioner and/or accorney prior to the hearing of Zoning Commissioner's review of the petition regarding the items noted below. If the petitioner/attorney is contacted by the planner, it is the petitioner's ultimate decision and responsibility to make a proper application, address any zoning decision and responsibility to make a proper application, address any zoning conflicts, and to file revised petition materials if necessary. Delays and confides, and to fire revised petition materials if necessary. Delays and unnecessary additional expenses may be avoided by correcting the petition to the proper form.

Need an attorney

The following information is missing: Descriptions, including accurate beginning point

Actual address of property Zoning Plats (need 12, only ____submitted)
200 scale zoning map with property outlined Acreage Election district Councilmanic district BCZR section information and/or wording Hardship/practical difficulty information Owner's signature (need minimum i original signature) and/or printed name and/or address and/or telephone number Contract purchaser's signature (need minimum 1 original signature) and/or printed name and/or address Signature (need minimum 1 original signature) and/or printed name and/or title of person signing for legal

owner/contract purchaser Power of attorney or authorization for person signing for legal owner and/or contract purchaser Attorney's signature (need minimum 1 original signature) and/or printed name and/or address and/or telephone number Notary Public's section is incomplete and/or incorrect and/or commission has expired NO REVIEW INFO - BY WHO, WHEN, HEARING DATE, ETC.

PET-FLAG (TXTSOPH) 11/17/93

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public bearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING Project Name: BLOCKBUSTER Video Store Project Number: X-318 Location: 3420 - 3438 Sweet Air Road Sweet Air Road and Hampshire Knob Drive

Proposal: 8,000 square foot video store

Acres: 5.59+/-

Applicant(s): Elockbuster Video/Brien Haigley

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

CASE NUMBER: 95-97-A (Item 88) 3420-3438 Sweet Air Road N/S Sweet Air Road, W/S Hampshire Know Drive 10th Election District - 6th Councilmanic Legal Owner(s): Grahamp Limited Partnership Contract Purchaser(s): Four Corners Entertainment

Variance to permit 32 square feet surface area for building mounted sign in lieu of the maximum allowable 8 square feet; to permit a front yard setback of 87 feet in lieu of the maximum allowable 40 feet; to allow a ground mounted sign to be illuminated; to permit landscaping by landscape architect of front, side, and rear setbacks in areas provided on plan in lieu of the entire required front, side, and rear

HEARING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1994 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118, 01d Courthouse.

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

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NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT

Sweet Air Road and Hampshire Knob Drive

DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING

Project Number: X-318

Acres: 5.59+/-

areas.

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ARNOLD JABLON DIRECTOR

cc: William Monk, Inc.

Project Name: BLOCKBUSTER Video Store

Location: 3420 - 3438 Sweet Air Road

Proposal: 8,800 square foot video store

CASE NUMBER: 95-97-A (Item 88)

3420-3438 Sweet Air Road

Applicant(s): Blockbuster Video/Brien Haigley

N/S Sweet Air Road, W/S Hampshire Know Drive

Legal Owner(s): Grahamp Limited Partnership

Contract Purchaser(s): Four Corners Entertainment

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HEARING: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1994 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 106, County

Office Building, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, MD 21204.

allow a ground mounted sign to be illuminated; to permit landscaping by

landscape architect of front, side, and rear setbacks in areas provided

10th Election District - 6th Councilmanic

September 26, 1994

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration

and Development Management

(410) 887-3353

Four Corners Entertainment

5 Dellwood Court Cockeysville, Maryland

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

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SEP. 28 1994

RE: Item No. 88, Case No. 95-97 A Petitioner: Grahamp Ltd.Partnership

Baltimore County Government

Office of Zoning Administration

and Development Management

Dear Petitioner:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriatemess of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on September, 1994 and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

2) Anyone using this system should be fully aware that they are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of any such petition. All petitions filed in this manner will be reviewed and commented on by Zoning personnel prior to the hearing. In the event that the peition has not been filed correctly, there is always a possibility that another hearing will be required or the Zoning Commissioner will deny the petition due to errors or incompleteness.

3) Attorneys, engineers and applicants who make appointments to file petitions on a regular basis and fail to keep the appointment without a 72 hour notice will be required to submit the appropriate filing fee at the time future appointments are made. Failure to keep these appointments without proper advance notice, i.e. 72 hours, will result in the forfeiture loss of the filing fee.

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Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500

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Taleing's County Office Building

RE: Property Owner: SEE SELOW

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Tawcon, MO 61204

LOCATION SEE BELOW

MATL STOP-1165

Carpates

Office of the Fire Marshal (410)887-4880

Dave: 09/88/94

Item No.: SEE DELOW - Zoning Agendak

Pursuant to your reducet. the referenced property has been surveyed by this Eureau and the comments bolow are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

2. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time,
IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS: 88.90,94,75,97, 99 AND 99.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office, FHONE 887-4881, M8-1108F

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cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: September 16, 1994 Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Admin. & Development Management Office

Pat Keller, Director Office of Planning & Zoning

Please be advised that comments regarding the subject petitions will be submitted as part of the Development Plan Review Process.

PK:JL:lw MEMOD.EVR/PZONE/TXTLLF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

Item #'s: Q()

LS:sp

LETTY2/DEPRM/TXTSBP

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: September 26, 1994 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Developers Engineering Section

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for September 26, 1994 Item No.

The Developers Engineering Section has reviewed the subject zoning item. We support the variance request for the landscape buffering of the rear of the property due to the effective buffering of the existing vegetation.

The frontage along Sweet Air Road and Hampshire Knob Drive to the middle of the site is subject to all previously given landscape review comments.

RWB: 6W

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

October 4, 1994

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

J. Lawrence Pilson L Development Coordinator, DEPRM

SUBJECT: Zoning Item #88 / Blockbuster Video Sweet Air Rd & Hampshire Knob Dr. Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of September 19, 1994

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

The Development Plan Conference Comments for October 12, 1994 apply to this

JLP:LS:sp

BLOCKB/DEPRM/TXTSBP



O. James Lighthizer Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

October 7, 1994

Ms. Julie Winiarski Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Baltimore County MD 145 Blockbuster Video Grahamp Limited Partnership Variance request Item #+88 (JLL)

Dear Ms. Winiarski:

This office has reviewed the plan for the referenced item and offer the following:

In our previous review of the concept plan for the referenced development, we indicated that the proposed entrance location on MD 145 was not acceptable to the State Highway Administration, (SHA) due to inadequate sight distance to the west of the property caused by an existing off-site slope condition on the adjoining property. In addition, in keeping with normal SHA policy of limiting access onto State roadways whenever possible, we requested the county require that all access to this property be from Hampshire Knob Drive.

Our position was supported at both the concept plan conference and community input meeting by Baltimore County's Office of Planning. Recent conversations with the County's Office of Planning reveals that their position remains the same concerning the entrance location for this development.

In addition, we have had an opportunity to review a traffic input analysis submitted by the developer's engineer, and it has been determined that access to this property should be from Hampshire Knob Drive. If this entrance location is not supported by Baltimore County through the development review process, the entrance should be relocated to the east of the location indicated on the plan opposite the existing shopping center on the south side of MD 145. This location would significantly improve sight distance to the west of the entrance and increase left turn storage capacity for eastbound traffic entering the sight. Although the developer indicates that the existing off-site knoll located to the west of the property would be removed, this may create a maintenance problem for the SHA in the future.

> My telephone number is 410-333-1350 (Fax# 333-1041) Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free Mailing Address: P.O. Box 717 • Baltimore, MD 21203-0717

Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Ms. Julie Winiarski Page Two October 7, 1994

Therefore, we can not recommend approval of the variance request since the entrance location indicated on the plan is not consistent with our previous comments that access to this site be via Hampshire Knob Drive.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this plan.

Very truly yours, David Y Kamsy David Ramsey, Acting Chief Engineering Access Permits

cc: Mr. Darrell Wiles

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204



Baltimore County Government

Office of Zoning Administration

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October 12, 1994

Four Corners Entertainment 5 Dellwood Court Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

> Item 88, Case 95-97A Petitioner: Grahamp Limited Partnership

Dear Petitioners:

Enclosure

Enclosed are copies of comments received from SHA on October 07, 1994 for the above-referenced case.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at

Sincerely, Joyce Watson

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE 3420-3438 Sweet Air Road, N/S Sweet Air Road, W/S Hampshire Know Drive 10th Election Dist., 6th Councilmanic

ZONING COMMISSIONER

Grahamp Limited Partnership Petitioners

CASE NO. 95-97-A

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

> Peter May Zenneman People's Counsel for Baltimore County CAROLE S. DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

(410) 887-2188

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this ______ day of October, 1994, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to William Monk, Inc., 222 Bosley Avenue, Suite B-7, Towson, MD 21204, representative for Petitioners.

> Retar Max Timmerman PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

WILLIAM MONK, INC. LAND USE PLANNING . LANDSCAPE DESIGN OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

SO化 タリ COURTHOUSE COMMONS 222 BOSLEY AVENUE SUITE B-7 TOWSON, MD 21204 410-494-8931 FILE IN ZONING CASE FILE

October 17, 1994

Mr. Carl Richards Zoning Administration and Development Management 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Re: Blockbuster Video

Dear Carl:

We are in receipt of your office's comments regarding our proposed development. After numerous meetings with your staff regarding the site plan and any variance implications, we will be proceeding to the hearing with the Zoning Commissioner on Friday, October 28, 1994 and will be seeking the four variances as so noted. As a point of clarification the building mounted sign will be reduced in size from four feet by eight feet to three feet one and three quarter inches by six feet three inches and this sign will not be lit. The monument sign located at the driveway entrance on Sweet Air Road will be ground lit.

Also attached is a rough calculations sheet delineating impervious and pervious areas within the parking lot in response to comment number two. The calculations indicate that 11% of the parking lot is pervious surface, in excess of the 7% requirement.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a contact me.

Brien Haigiey



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